Upgradation of Tenzing Norgay Road

3222. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tenzing Norgay Road, from Siliguri to Darjeeling has been upgraded as National Highway; and

(b) if so, when and what steps Government are contemplating to take up for extension and development of this Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Tening Norgay Road from Siliguri to Darjeeling was declared as National Highway No. 55 on 6th November, 1990. There is provision of Rs. 3 crores for improvement of selected stretches on this National Highway in the Annual Plan 1991-92. At present there is no proposal for extension of this National Highway.

Wayside Centres/Motels at National Highways

3223. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up passenger-oriented wayside motel, at intervals of 100 kilometres along high traffic density corridors of National Highways where such facilities do not exist; if so, what are the details of the facilities likely to be provided at such centres/Motels;

(b) if so, what are the locations where such facilities exist and further facility to be added on the demand and requirements of passengers;

(c) whether Government have earmarked any sites for setting up of such passenger-oriented wayside motels on highways of the country, if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the facilities/incentives Government propose for establishment of such amenities centres/motels at National Highways, where such centres have not been set up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Central Govt. has an ongoing scheme, both in Govt. Sector and Private Sector, for setting up passenger-oriented wayside amenities along National Highways to provide basic facilities like snack bars/restaurants, drinking water/toilets, petrol outlets, kiosks, rest rooms and parking places. Under the Govt. Sector, these amenities are to be provided jointly by the Ministry of Surface Transport and the Ministry of Tourism. Under the private sector scheme, setting up and running of these facilities is to be done by the private entrepreneurs.

Broad details of the scheme are given below. So far only one facilitiy on NH 17 in Maharashtra has been completed and opened to traffic under the scheme.

(i) *Government Sector Scheme*

In the first priority scheme, 17 locations (one each in different States), as shown in Statement I (*See* below) have been identified. These are, at present, under different stages of development.

(ii) *Private Sector Scheme*

A State-wise list of National Highway corridors for location of these amenities is enclosed at Statement I (*See* below). So far, 31 Letters of Intent have been issued in respect of private sector proposals, vide list in Statement III (*See* below).

(d) As an incentive to development of such facilities by the private entrepreneurs, allotment of a petrol/diesel outline is included in the overall package subject to fulfilment of certain norms.